

EXTENDING THE TIME FOR COMPLETING THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A TOLL BRIDGE ACROSS THE
DELAWARE RIVER NEAR WILMINGTON, DEL.

JUNE 14, 1951.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. LARCADE, from the Committee on Public Works, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 4338]

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4338) to extend the time for completing the construction of a toll bridge across the Delaware River near Wilmington, Del., having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The committee has been informed that the construction of this bridge was started before the enactment of the General Bridge Act of 1946 (title 5 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946), and it cannot be completed within the 5-year period from the date of approval of the original special act authorizing construction of this bridge, which was July 13, 1946.

This bill would extend the time for completing the construction of the bridge 1 year from July 13, 1951.

The Secretary of the Army has advised your committee as follows:

This Department recommends favorable consideration of H. R. 4338.

An act approved July 13, 1946 (60 Stat. 533) authorized the State of Delaware, by and through its State highway department, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Delaware River from a point between Pigeon Point near Wilmington and New Castle in Delaware to a point near the Salem Canal in New Jersey, subject to the approval of the location, navigation clearances, and other design features of the bridge by the Secretary of the Navy concurrently with the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Engineers. Section 5 of the act provided that the authority should cease and be null and void unless the actual construction of said bridge and its approaches be commenced within 3 years and completed within 5 years from the date of this act.

The location and plans of the bridge were approved by the Chief of Engineers, the Secretary of the Army, and the Secretary of the Navy on March 7, 13, and 15, 1947, respectively. Construction was commenced within the prescribed 3-year period from the date of the act and is continuing, but the State highway depart-

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ment will not be able to complete the bridge by July 13, 1951. The authority will expire on that date unless the time for completion is extended. H. R. 4338 would extend the time for completion 1 year to July 13, 1952.

The enactment of H. R. 4338 will not involve the expenditure of funds by this Department.

The Committee on Public Works voted to approve this legislation and recommends that the House do pass H. R. 4338.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

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Authorizing the State of Delaware, by and through its State highway department, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Delaware River near Wilmington, Delaware

SEC. 5. The authority hereby granted shall cease and be null and void unless the actual construction of said bridge and its approaches be commenced within three years and completed within five years from the date of this Act.

AMENDMENT UNDER H. R. 4338

H. R. 4338 amends the existing law by deleting section 5 and substituting the following new section 5 therefor:

"Sec. 5. The authority hereby granted shall cease and be null and void unless the actual construction of said bridge and its approaches be commenced within three years and completed within six years from July 13, 1946."

